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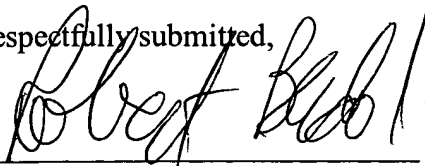
Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1).

Attached are copies of thirty Japanese publications. The documents are listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449. Any relevance of 2002-289853, 2002-231948, 2000-156376, 2002-83962, 2000-332246, 9-199724, 9-74191, 3158973, 10-125905, 7-326755, 8-236766, 9-153613, 8-70124 and 3303601 can be gleaned from their corresponding U.S. patents. These sixteen U.S. patents are also listed on the Forms PTO-1449 for consideration. Any relevance of 2002-261041, 2002-203963, 2002-158233, 2001-284587, 2001-127289, 2001-119023, 2001-102576, 2000-357795, 2000-299457, 2000-106435, 10-326895, 10-125904, 10-56174 and 9-213951 can be gleaned from their attached English translations. Any relevance of 10-154810 and 10-154809 can be gleaned from page 3 of the present application, where these two documents are discussed.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application, no certification or fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to the document listed. Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested.

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	AA	6,649,973	11/18/03	Takaishi			
	AB	6,495,883	12/17/02	Shibata et al.			
	AC	6,316,300	11/13/01	Ozeki et al.			
	AD	6,475,864	11/05/02	Sato et al.			
	AE	6,238,981	05/29/01	Grebs			
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	AF	2002-289853	10/04/02	Japan			Corresponds to U.S. 6,649,973
	AG	2002-231948	08/16/02	Japan			Corresponds to U.S. 6,495,883
	AH	2000-156376	06/06/00	Japan			Corresponds to U.S. 6,316,300
	AI	2002-83962	03/22/02	Japan			Corresponds to U.S. 6,475,864
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	AL	6,133,587	10/17/00	Takeuchi et al.			
	AM	6,020,600	02/01/00	Miyajima et al.			
	AN	5,976,936	11/02/99	Miyajima et al.			
	AO	5,963,807	10/05/99	Ueno			
	AP	5,895,939	04/20/99	Ueno			
	AQ	5,952,679	09/14/99	Kitou et al.			
	AR	5,915,180	06/22/99	Hara et al.			
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	AS	9-199724	07/31/97	Japan			Corresponds to U.S. 6,133,587
	AT	9-74191	03/18/97	Japan			Corresponds to U.S. 6,020,600 and 5,976,936
	AU	3158973	02/16/01	Japan			Corresponds to U.S. 5,963,807 and 5,895,939
	AV	10-125905	05/15/98	Japan			Corresponds to U.S. 5,952,679
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	AY	5,776,812	07/07/98	Takahashi et al.			
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	BA	5,723,376	03/03/98	Takeuchi et al.			
	BB	5,682,048	10/28/97	Shinohara et al.			
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	BE	8-70124	03/12/96	Japan			Corresponds to U.S. 5,723,376
	BF	3303601	05/10/02	Japan			Corresponds to U.S. 5,682,048
	BG	2002-261041	09/13/02	Japan			Translation
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	BS	2000-357795	12/26/00	Japan			Translation
	BT	2000-299457	10/24/00	Japan			Translation
	BU	2000-106435	04/11/00	Japan			Translation
	BV	10-326895	12/08/98	Japan			Translation
	BW	10-125904	05/15/98	Japan			Translation
	BX	10-56174	02/24/98	Japan			Translation
	BY	9-213951	08/15/97	Japan			Translation
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